

SANTA ANA POLICE VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING SERVICE (VIPS)

Volunteers In Policing Service or VIPS are citizen volunteers who want to make a difference in our community.

They are trained by the police department; are attired in a distinctive uniform; and drive a marked vehicle.



Volunteer assistance frees up our police officers and staff for higher priority duties.

For information about the VIPS Program, contact the Volunteer Recruiter, Erika Baca EBaca@santa-ana.org

HOUSE CHECK APPLICATION FORM

Available Online at:

<http://www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us/pd/forms.asp>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT THE SANTA ANA POLICE
DEPARTMENT:**



**SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT
60 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
SANTA ANA CA 92701
TEL: 714-245-8665
FAX: 714-245-8090**

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HOUSE SECURITY CHECK PROGRAM



WHY BECOME A POLICE VOLUNTEER?

The House Check service is offered at no charge to Santa Ana Residents.

House Checks are provided by specially trained members of Volunteers In Policing Service, VIPS, working in partnership with the police department. House Checks are security checks of your property. Volunteers patrol your home and yard while you are away paying close attention to the details provided by the homeowner.

Anything of a suspicious nature is reported to the police department. If further action is warranted, a police officer is dispatched. You can leave on your vacation with peace of mind that your home is being watched.

To receive a House Security Check complete an application form, making sure to provide all details requested.

Mail or FAX the completed form to the police department at least 5 days prior to your departure. Our volunteers will take it from there!

You may return, fax or mail your request to:

**Santa Ana Police Department.
60 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA. 92701
FAX: 714-245-8090**

TIPS: BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

- Before you leave, send an extra payment into your credit card company. That way you have a credit balance to use while on vacation and you won't be carrying around all that cash.
- Have reliable locks on all doors and windows.
- Never leave your house key under the doormat, in a flower pot or on the ledge of the door.
- Make your home appear "lived in". Use timers on your lights and radio. Have a neighbor/friend pick up your mail and newspaper. Keep lawn mowed and watered.

TIPS: AFTER YOU ARRIVE

- Unpack and place belongings in the closet and drawers. Arrange your belongings so that you will know if anything is missing.

- Always lock empty luggage, so they can't be used to carry your property out of your room.
- NEVER leave cash, jewelry or credit cards in your room. Use the hotel safe.
- At the beach, NEVER leave cash and cameras unattended on your towel/blankets. Thieves can take your property easily.

TIPS: ON THE ROAD

- Always lock your car when entering or leaving it.
- Park in well-lit and busy areas.
- Always check your backseat prior to entering your vehicle.
- Lock your valuable in the trunk.
- Never carry large amounts of cash. Use traveler's checks or ATM machines. If you must carry large amounts of cash, do not openly display it.
- Keep record of your traveler check numbers in a safe place.
- Leave your trip plans and an emergency phone number with a relative or friend.

**REMEMBER: IF IT IS PREDICTABLE,
THEN IT IS PREVENTABLE.**